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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

**VARNEY, INC., 260 HOGAN ROAD, BANGOR, MAINE 04401** has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to place fill in freshwater wetlands off Hogan Road and Mount Hope Avenue at Bangor, Maine shown on the attached plans.

1. Retain and maintain 0.99 acres of freshwater wetland/waterway fill in conjunction with the construction of an auto dealership. The original Corps permit #199502178 authorized 0.80 acres of freshwater wetland/waterway fill. This work was performed circa 1995-1996. By this public notice, we are seeking comments to help us evaluate whether this work should be allowed to remain.
2. Fill and maintain an additional .051 acres of freshwater wetland in conjunction with the proposed expansion of the existing auto dealership (VARNEY GMC Truck-Isuzu). Cumulative freshwater wetland/waterway impact for the site is 1.85 acres.
3. To compensate for the project's impacts, the applicant proposes to restore, enhance and preserve a 30' wide wetland/upland buffer consisting of approximately 2.06 acres along Great Brook off Pushaw Road at Bangor, Maine.

The applicant is proposing these measures seeking to lessen the project's impacts to aquatic resources. This notice solicits comments on these proposed measures from the interested or affected public as well as those agencies that speak to the public interest. After receipt of the comments, the Corps of Engineers will obtain any necessary additional information from the applicant and determine whether the proposed measures are practicable and serve to help mitigate this project's unavoidable impacts.

The project is located on the VEAZIE, ME quadrangle sheet at Universal Transverse Mercator grid coordinates N 4963116, E 520487.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice. Comments should be addressed to Shawn Mahaney, Project Manager at the address noted above. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Such requests shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

Sincerely,

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR  
DETAILS OF EVALUATION  
FACTORS

David H. Killoy, P.E., C.P.G.  
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- ( X ) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- ( X ) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- ( X ) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.**

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